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1. ON HIS RETURN FROM THE FRANCO-AFRICAN SUMMIT IN PARIS, PRIME MINISTER RAMGOOLAM SAID HE WELCOMED THE PLAN TO CREATE AN INTER-AFRICAN DEFENSE FORCE. ENROUTE FROM PARIS TO MAURITIUS HE STOPPED IN THE SEYCHELLES BRIEFLY AND MET WITH PRESIDENT RENE. RAMGOOLAM CALLED RENE HIS "GOOD FRIEND" AND SAID THAT A POSSIBLE FISHING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WOULD BE DISCUSSED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. TWO DAYS LATER, AS IF TO CONFIRM THAT A
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"DETENTE" BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IS BEGINNING TO EVOLVE, IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER WALTER AND FISHERIES MINISTER SEETARAM WILL ATTEND THE CELEBRATIONS IN MAHE OF THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE REVOLUTION THAT BROUGHT RENE TO POWER.

2. YOUNG LABOR PARTY DISSIDENT HARISH BOODHOO CHARGED THAT

ELEMENTS IN THE LEADERSHIP OF THE PARTY HAD LAUNCHED A CAMPAIGN TO ELIMINATE HIM "PHYSICALLY AND POLITICALLY." THREATENING TO SET OFF ON A NATION-WIDE SPEAKING TOUR TO DENOUNCE HIS DETRACTORS, THE YOUNG DEPUTY SAID HE WOULD FIRST RAISE THE PROBLEM WITH THE PRIME MINISTER IN AN ATTEMPT TO GET THE CAMPAIGN STOPPED. BOODHOO ALSO PERSISTED IN HIS OPPOSITION TO THE HIRING OF AN INDIAN TECHNICIAN AT THE MAURITIUS HOUSING CORPORATION.

3. A FIGHT BETWEEN PMSD LEADER DUVAL AND MMM DEPUTY AMADEE DARGA PLUS SHEIK HOSSEN RESULTED IN A FEW KNOTS AND SCRATCHES ON THE HEADS OF THE PARTICIPANTS. THREATS OF MORE VIOLENCE BETWEEN POLITICAL GROUPS CAUSED POLICE CHIEF RAJARI TO ISSUE A DIRECTIVE TO THE POLICE TO INTERVENE WITHOUT HESITATION EVEN IF PROMINENT POLITICIANS ARE INVOLVED.

4. THE JUDICIAL INQUIRY INTO THE MAURITIEN FIRE CONTINUED THIS WEEK WITH LITTLE OF IMPORTANCE BEING REVEALED. THE GOVERNMENT PSYCHIATRIST WHO EXAMINED SHEIK HOSSEN DETERMINED THAT HOSSEN EXHIBITED SEVERAL CHARACTER TRAITS TYPICAL OF PSYCHOPATHS.

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